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In the Claims

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~~46.~~ (Currently Amended) A water treatment system comprising:
a housing supporting a contained water volume therein; and
~~an untethered~~ a free standing water treatment device having a water treatment material contained therein, said ~~untethered~~ free standing water treatment device located within said housing completely below a water line of the contained water volume, said ~~untethered~~ free standing water treatment device including a container for holding the water treatment material, said container having an opening for the ingress and egress of water therethrough.

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~~47.~~ (Currently Amended) The water treatment system of claim ¹~~46~~ wherein the ~~untethered~~ free standing water treatment device is supported by said housing.

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~~48.~~ (Original) The water treatment system of claim ¹~~46~~ wherein the opening of said container comprises an inlet and an outlet for the ingress and egress of water therethrough.

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49. (Currently Amended) The water treatment system of claim 46 wherein the untethered free standing water treatment device includes a metal ion yielding water treatment material contained therein.

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50. (Original) The water treatment system of claim 46 wherein the water treatment material contained therein is silver chloride.

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51. (Original) The water treatment system of claim 46 wherein the housing supporting the contained water volume therein comprises a pool housing.

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52. (Original) A water treatment system comprising:
a housing supporting a contained water volume therein; and
a free standing water treatment device having a water treatment material contained therein, said free standing water treatment device supported by said housing below a water line of the contained water volume, said free standing water treatment device including a container for holding the water treatment material, said container having a passage for directing a portion of water into contact with the water treatment material.

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53. (Original) The water treatment system of claim 52 wherein the free standing water treatment device includes a metal ion yielding water treatment material contained therein.

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54. (Original) The water treatment system of claim ⁷52 wherein the water treatment material contained therein is silver chloride.

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55. (Original) The water treatment system of claim ⁷52 wherein the housing supporting the contained water volume therein comprises a pool housing.

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56. (Original) The water treatment system of claim ⁷52 wherein the passage of said container comprises an inlet and an outlet for directing a portion of water flowing thereto into contact with the water treatment material.

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57. (Currently Amended) A method of purifying water of a contained water volume in a water treatment system comprising the steps of:

placing a free standing water treatment device comprising a container having a water treatment material contained therein in a housing completely below a water line of the contained water volume located within said housing for the purification of said contained water volume; and

allowing the water in the contained water volume access to the water treatment material.

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58. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ¹²57 wherein the step of placing the free standing water treatment device in a housing below a water line of the contained water volume located within said housing comprises placing the free standing water treatment device below a water line of a contained water volume in a pool housing.

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59. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ¹²57 wherein the step of placing the free standing water treatment device in a housing below a water line of the contained water volume located within said housing comprises placing the free standing water treatment device below a water line of a contained water volume in a spa or hot tub housing

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60. (Original) The method of claim ¹²57 including the step of directing a portion of the contained water volume in contact with the water treatment material located in the container.

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61. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ¹²57 wherein the step of placing the free standing water treatment device in a housing below a water line of the contained water volume located within said housing comprises placing a free standing water treatment device below the water line of the contained water volume in said housing.

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62. (Currently Amended) A water treatment system comprising:
a housing having a contained water volume therein; and
a free standing water treatment device having a water treatment material contained therein, said water treatment device having an exterior surface for supporting the water treatment device on the housing, said water treatment device located completely below a water line of the contained water volume, said water treatment device including an opening for directing a portion of contained water volume into contact with the water treatment material.

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63. (Currently Amended) A method of purifying a contained fluid comprising the steps of:

forming a free standing container having a fluid treatment material located therein with said free standing container and said fluid treatment material having an insufficient buoyancy to float in said contained fluid;

placing the free standing container with the fluid treatment material in the contained fluid; and

allowing the free standing container with the fluid treatment material to submerge completely below a fluid line of the contained fluid for the purification of said contained fluid.

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64. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ¹⁸63 wherein the step of allowing the free standing container with the fluid treatment material to submerge completely below a fluid line of the contained fluid comprises allowing the free standing container with the fluid treatment material to submerge in the contained fluid to a bottom of the housing for the purification of said contained fluid volume.